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REMARKS

I. Interview Summary

The applicant respectfully thanks Examiner Nguyen for the courtesies extending during the telephone interview on October 3, 2003, which was attended by Examiner Nguyen, Examiner Kincaid, and the applicant's undersigned representative.

During the interview, claim 1 and the references Winsky and Blumenthal were discussed. No agreement was reached.

II. 112 Rejections

Claims 8 and 9 are rejected because the limitation "the highlighting" lacks antecedent basis. These claims have been amended to overcome this rejection.

III. 103 Rejections

Claim 1 recites:

A computer-implemented method of displaying a document on a display device, comprising:

receiving a user input selecting a location in a document displayed in a display pane and requesting a show-me operation that differentiates between read and unread portions of the document; and,

in response to the input, performing the show-me operation by:

displaying a visual reference mark indicating the selected location in the pane, the visual reference mark delineating the read portion of the document from the unread portion of the document;

then automatically scrolling the document and the reference mark in the pane and automatically stopping the scrolling when the selected location is at a target location in the pane; and

then removing the visual reference mark.

Neither Winsky nor Blumenthal, separately or combined, discloses the limitation of automatically scrolling the document and the reference mark in the pane and automatically stopping the scrolling when the selected location is at a target location in the pane (as recited in claim 1).

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Winsky discloses a hand held electronic book machine that provides a scrolling mechanism that enables text to be automatically scrolled at a selectable rate. The scrolling of the text may be automatically halted in response to markers in the text (Col. 5, lines 47-53). Winsky also discloses a bookmark mechanism that enables a return of a user to a desired location in the text (Col. 4, lines 5-10).

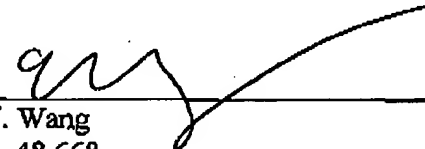
While Winsky does disclose automatic scrolling, Winsky does not show automatically scrolling that is performed as part of a show-me operation. Specifically, the show-me operation requires automatic scrolling and then automatically stopping the scrolling when the selected location is at a target location in the pane.

Blumenthal fails to make up for the deficiencies of Winsky because Blumenthal does not address any type of scrolling, much less the recited automatically scrolling and stopping.

For at least this reason, the applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, along with its dependent claims are allowable. Claim 5, along with its dependent claims, contain similar limitations and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

The applicant respectfully submits that there are no fees due for this correspondence, however, please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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